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Supervisor.

Dear Sir;

I recently received a letter from Mr. Michael M. Brown that if I would send in \$475.00 my Patent Application would be extended for 3 months. I had written Mr. Brown about 8 months ago and got no reply. When I GOT THIS LETTER STATING THAT for \$475.00 I could extend my patent for 3 months, I called Mr. Brown to see what this was about. When I got Mr. Brown pinned down with, if I paid the \$475.00 would I get a Patent His answer was that there was nothing patentable in my Application.

In his opinion my invention is not PATENTable but he would be happy to get \$475.00 to dangle me along for another 3 months. What kind of con game is the patent Office running.

I happen to know that the Patent Attorney must write at least one claim for a private individual trying to patent an invention. I am enclosing a copy of this rule. Don't you think that Mr. Brown could have obeyed the rule and written one claim for me. Why didn't He?

Why is my invention not patentable? It is the answer to all of the problems that Condoms of prior art have, and the answer to what so many other inventors have been trying to achieve.

I paid extra to have this application put on a fast track. Not only wasn't it fast-tracked, Brown put it on a mule train. I am enclosing a description. Perhaps you can see the advantage of my invention. Obviously Mr. Brown hasn't got enough intelligence to recognize the advantages of it. Present Condoms are so uncomfortable and unreliable that many people won't use them. If they are too tight they may split, If they are too loose they will come off. If they have lubricant inside for a more natural feeling, they will come off for sure.

My design will not come off accidentally. With the enlarged end it will not split, and will not bind the Glans Penis which is the sensitive area of the penis. These condoms can be packaged in water soluble lubricant, and when they are installed the feeling will be that there is not a condom on. Tell me this is not a big improvement over condoms in use today or even an improvement over the crackpot ideas that have gotten patents.

I Don't expect to hear from you since I havent followed your requirements everyone knows that the way you write the application is always more important than the invention.

G. Technical Requirements of Claims

As stated, in addition to defining adequately over the prior art, each claim must also be worded in a clear, concise, precise, and rational way. If the wording of a claim is poor, the examiner will make a "technical" (non-prior art) rejection under Section 112. It is this technical aspect of drafting claims that most often serves as a stumbling block to the layperson. Yet claim drafting really won't be that hard if you:

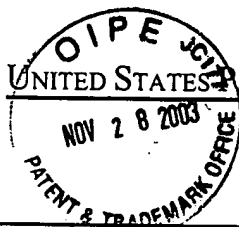
- Study the sample claims listed later in this chapter, plus those of a few patents, to get the basic idea;
- Use the four-step method (preamble-element-inter-connections-broaden) set out in Section H, below; and
- Are conversant with the appropriate terminology associated with your invention's elements.

Remember also that you needn't write perfect claims when you file the application. Why? Because if you have a patentable invention, you can have the examiner write them for you. A provision of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*, Section 707.07(j), states:

When, during the examination of a pro se [no attorney] case, it becomes apparent to the examiner that there is patentable subject matter disclosed in the application [the examiner] shall draft one or more claims for the applicant and indicate in office action that such claims would be allowed if incorporated in the application by amendment.

This practice will expedite prosecution and offer a service to individual inventors not represented by a registered patent attorney or agent.

Although this practice may be desirable and is permissible in any case where deemed appropriate by the examiner, it will be expected to be applied in all cases where it is apparent that the applicant is unfamiliar with the proper preparation and prosecution of patent applications.



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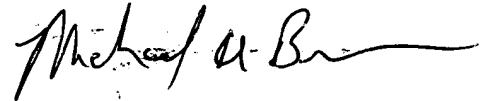
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed March 19, 2003, Paper No. 11, was not timely filed. Consequently a three month extension is required. The cost of the three month extension is \$475.00. If the applicant has any questions about the extension the examiner of record can be reached at the number set forth below.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Brown whose telephone number is (703) 308-2682.

M. Brown
November 5, 2003



**MICHAEL A. BROWN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

SECURE CONDOMS SUMMARY

The Secure Condom addresses all of the weaknesses of condoms of prior art. A list of these weaknesses follows.

1. condoms accidentally coming off during sexual intercourse.
2. condoms splitting from being too tight.
3. condoms coming off if lubricant is used.
4. lack of sensitivity due to being too tight around the sensitive area known as the Glans Penis.

Secure condoms come in various sizes to fit male members of various sizes. The Secure Condom fits the male members quite tight from the base of the penis to the rear of the head of the penis so that some effort is required to remove this condom over the head of the penis, therefore it will not come off due to the activity of sexual intercourse. (1), (3) Weaknesses Secure Condoms have an enlarged area for about two inches at the closed end of the condom which is somewhat larger than the head of the penis. This enlarged area gives a sensation of not having a condom installed, and in conjunction with the fact that these condoms are lubricated inside and out, the sensation is the same as no condom at all. (2), (4) WEAKNESSES

Secure condoms will be packaged rolled up onto the installation ring with water soluble lubricant. Since there is no fear of these condoms coming off, being lubricated inside and out is no problem, and with the enlarged area at the closed end there is no fear of splitting. (1), (2), (3), (4) WEAKNESSES

Secure condoms will come in various sizes since male members come in various sizes. Cardboard gauges with holes similar to

the holes in the different sized installation rings will make it easy to determine the correct size condom for each user. these gauges will be free and available wherever secure condoms are sold. The installation rings will have the condoms small circumference area rolled up on the groove on the outside of the ring. The enlarged part of the condom will be pushed thru the ring before packaging. The installation ring will have the front side of the groove of larger circumference to prevent the condom from being rolled off in the wrong direction. The manufacture of Secure Condoms will use the same methods of manufacture as the condoms of prior art most in use at present. Other than the cost of the installation ring, there is no reason that these condoms will be more expensive than the condoms of prior art.

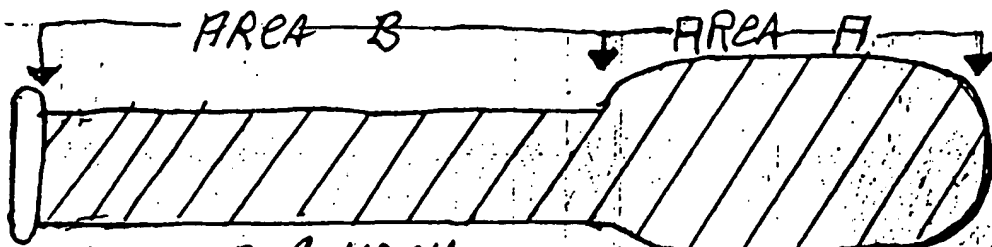


FIG. 1.

SHAPE OF CONDOM
CONDOM ON THE
INSTALLATION RING
CONDOM IS PACKAGED
ON INSTALLATION RING
ALONG WITH LIBERAL
LUBRICATION

INSTALLATION
RING SIDE VIEW 2B.

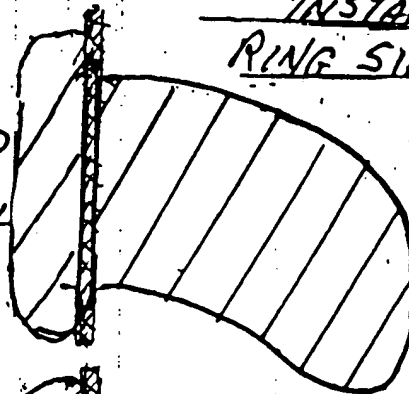


FIG. 2.

FIG. 2B.

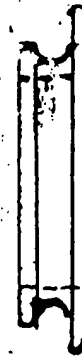
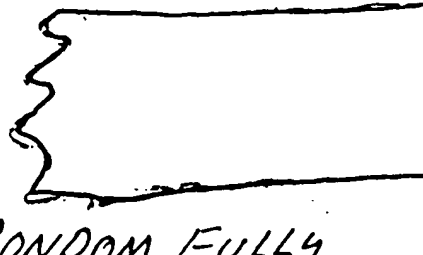


FIG. 3.

CONDOM PARTIALLY
INSTALLED



CONDOM FULLY
INSTALLED. RING NOT
REMOVED

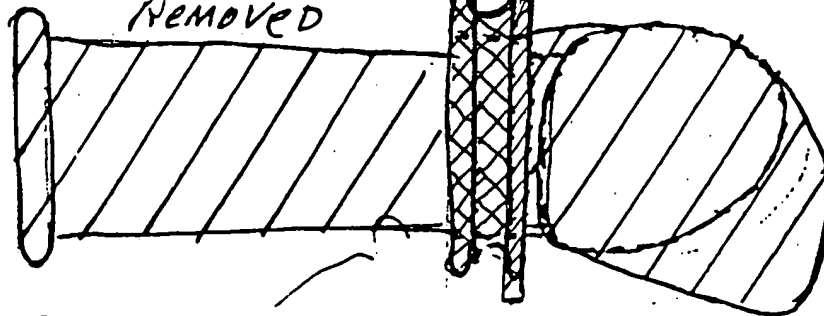


FIG. 4.

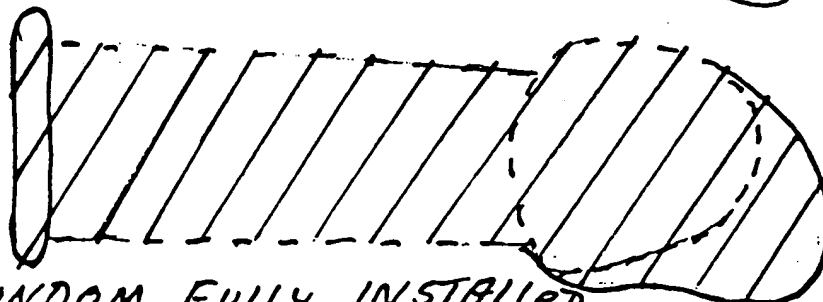


FIG. 5.

CONDOM FULLY INSTALLED
INSTALLATION RING DISCARDED

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